



#3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Ferraris et al Atty. Ref.: 2824-226

Serial No. 09/996,776 Group: 1624

Filed: November 30, 2001 Examiner: KIFLE, B.

For: COMPOUNDS AND THEIR USE

* * * * *

April 17, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 17, 2003, the applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group II for further prosecution in the above. The Office Action does not indicate that a species election is required and such not is being made however the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if the same is thought to be required. The applicants submit a species election should not be required.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the elected subject matter is requested.

RECEIVED
APR 21 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Ferraris et al
Serial No. 09/996,776
April 16, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: 

B. J. Sadoff
Reg. No. 36,663

BJS:plb
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100